

# HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, OUTDOOR RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

521 House Office Building

Tuesday 10:30 A.M.

May 15, 2007

**Representative Kate Ebli, Vice-Chair**, called the meeting to order.

**Vice-Chair Ebli** requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

**Present:** Representatives Sheltroun, Ebli, Brown, Hammon, Kathleen Law, Lindberg, Casperson, Walker, Stakoe and Horn.

**Absent:** Representative Simpson.

**Representative Lindberg** moved to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

**MEMBER ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Simpson.

**Representative Stakoe** moved to approve the minutes of the **May 1, 2007** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

**The Vice-Chair laid HB 4471 and HB 4614** before the committee.

HB 4471	Booher	Natural resources; wildlife; double-crested cormorant; define terms for control program.
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HB 4614	Sheltroun	Natural resources; wildlife; double-crested cormorant; provide for control fund.
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**Representative Sheltroun, sponsor of HB 4614**, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

**Representative Booher, sponsor of HB 4471**, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

**Pete Butchko**, representing the United States Department of Agriculture

(USDA) Wildlife Services, gave a presentation on the Cormorant problem in the State of Michigan. Questions and discussion followed.

**Rodney Stokes and Doug Reeves**, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in **support of HB 4471 and HB 4614 with amendments**. Questions and Discussion followed.

The following testified in **support of HB 4471 and HB 4614**.

**Larry Meier**, representing himself

**Jammie C. Miller**, representing himself

**Norman B. Anderson**, representing the Flint River Valley Steelheaders

**Jeffrey Powers**, representing the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce

**Jeff Thornton**, representing Alpena County

**Gaylord R. Alexander**, representing himself as a Retired Fish Research Biologist

Questions and discussion followed the above testimony.

**Erin McDonough**, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, submitted a testimony card in **support of HB 4471 and HB 4614**, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Vice-Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **12:30 p.m.**

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Representative Kate Ebli, Chair

Dave Mead  
Committee Clerk  
May 15, 2007  
2 Hours

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Date Approved and Signed